

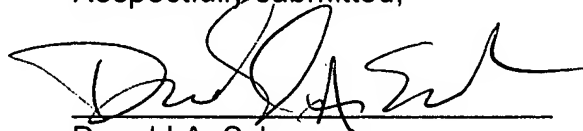
REMARKS

Applicants have amended the specification and claims to eliminate multiple claim dependencies and to adapt the specification and claims to U.S. patent practice.

Original claims 2-27 have been amended. Claims 1-27 are currently pending in the subject application. No new matter has been added by any of the above-noted amendments.

Favorable consideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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